

Editorial Page.

MASS MEETING.

A meeting of the Republicans of Wood county irrespective of old party lines, will be held at Bowling Green on the 4th of July, 1855, for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the Republican Convention to be held at Columbus, Ohio, on the 13th of July, A. D. 1855, and to transact such other business as the meeting may deem expedient.

By order of the Republican Central Committee.

We hope the Republicans of Wood county will not forget the above call for a county mass convention, at Bowling Green, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the Republican state convention to be held at Columbus on the 13th of July. A good turn-out on Wednesday next, will be evidence that the people of Wood county are alive and interested in the great contest now pending between the adherents of slavery and freedom. It is a contest in which labor and the laborer are to be considered either honorable or debased. And its decision rests upon the political action and votes of the laboring men themselves, for they are the mass of our voters. The freemen of the north can certainly never consent to be placed beside slaves in the field of labor, or in social estimation. Why do not our working men go south to better their condition: labor commands higher prices there than here? The reason is obvious: their social condition there would be but little above that of menials or slaves, in the eyes of the employers. What, then, shall be our response when these petty aristocrats propose to bring their human chattels and establish the "peculiar institution" in the wide territories of the hitherto free northwest? Will not our laboring men rise up as one man and say to Frank Pierce, Douglas and Atchison, NO! Shall we not sweep away all doughfaces from places of office and influence, and replace them with men of stern, free, republican virtues? It is the duty of this generation to transmit our fair heritage untarnished to our sons. Shall we bequeath to them the infamy of allowing slavery to usurp an empire of freedom and blast it by banishing free laborers from it? Every working man has a stake in this contest, and should see to it that his rights as a MAN are respected.

A coroner's inquest was held on the 17th inst., near Bowling Green, over the dead body of a Frenchman, (name not ascertained) who came to his death somewhat singularly about three weeks ago. The man had been working for some of the farmers in the neighborhood for several months, and was supposed to have accumulated a little money, which he was saving to defray the expense of bringing his family to this country from the borders of the Rhine. He was found near some brush he had been burning, in the edge of the woods, not far from the premises of Dr. W. G. Lamb. He had been missing several days, and when found, as we hear, his head and one arm were gone. The verdict of the coroner's jury was, that he came to his death by suffocation, from his clothes taking fire. Suspicion is entertained that he may have met with foul play at the hands of a German friend of his, who is also missing.

We hear that the weevil is seriously injuring the wheat crop again, all through this part of the country. If sowing lime on the growing crop had been generally resorted to and perseveringly practiced, it would doubtless have saved the crop. It is to be hoped the destruction will not be so total as it was last year.

Graham's Magazine for July commences a new volume. Terms, 1 copy one year \$3; 2 copies \$5; 6 copies \$10. The usual amount of tales, poetry, music and engravings are always to be found. The editor's table is a most attractive feature. It is always full and varied.

The U. S. land office at Defiance has been closed and the books and papers transferred to the Chillicothe office, which is now the only U. S. land office in Ohio.

Arthur's Magazine for July has been received. This charming little monthly is published at Philadelphia, at \$2 for one copy a year, or \$5 for four copies. T. S. Arthur, the editor, is by far the best tale writer of the age. His stories always contain a good moral; his scenes are natural and life like; and his characters are sometimes made to utter some of the truest moral sentiments to be found outside the pulpit or the Bible. And these characteristics, instead of marring the interest of the romances, serve to heighten the dignity and importance of the several actors introduced.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—While the packet Delphi, was passing under the bridge over the canal on what is called the Jerome road, a couple of miles above this place, on Tuesday afternoon last, the aforesaid bridge fell, seriously injuring two of the lady passengers, Miss Holgate, of Defiance, and Mrs. Baker, also of that place. The former lady received a contusion on one foot, by a falling timber, which if it does not prove fatal, will probably maim her for life. The latter was precipitated into the canal, and came very near being drowned before she was rescued. Miss Gallup of Texas, also received a slight contusion from the accident.

We hear gross carelessness charged to those having in management the packet, in not heeding the timely warning and loosening the line, while passing under the bridge, which was undergoing a state of repair, and was propped up in consequence, and which the tow-line was the cause of throwing from its foundation and causing the casualty.—[Maumee Times.]

We were misinformed last week, in regard to the name of the person from Perrysburg, who was robbed in this place on the 19th inst. His name is Wright, instead of McIsaacs. We make this *amende* in justice to a very respectable gentleman of the latter name in Perrysburg, and who we understand is the only gentleman of that name in that place.—[Maumee Times.]

AN UNEXPECTED FORTUNE.—Mr. Jonathan Vickers, of this place, informs us that he has recently come in possession of a very handsome fortune, in the south, in tracing up a "Spanish claim," which descended by inheritance to his wife. The property consists principally in real estate, which he has recently visited, and which he deems very valuable. If this property should make a millionaire of Mr. V., it is hoped that he will bear his honors meekly, as he has heretofore met with perhaps more than the usual reverses in life.—[Maumee Times.]

LIKES IT.—Mr. Bill, of the Sandusky Register, has been luxuriating in one of Dodge's Spring Beds, and finds it a peculiar and very comfortable institution. After coming down upon it, and finding it more comfortable than "down," he comes down on it again in the following "comfortable" style:

Having become the purchaser of one, we can speak of its merits from experience; and we do not hesitate to say that it is decidedly the best thing of the kind we have ever seen. In winter, a mattress is all that is required to complete the symposium; but to secure an agreeable coolness in summer, nothing more than a thick "comfortable" is required to be spread upon it.

Henrietta Robinson, the "veiled murderess, of Troy," has been sentenced to be hung on the 3d of August. A despatch says, when the judge commended her soul to God's mercy, she said "he had better pray for his own soul." She declared she was the victim of a conspiracy to crush an innocent woman. The best informed persons, however, do not doubt her guilt.

"THREE HOURS SCHOOL A DAY—A TALK WITH PARENTS."—Under the above title, the late Wm. L. Crandall prepared a volume in which he asserts as the result of his long experience in teaching, that six hours school in a day is too much; that it is exerting a ruinous influence upon children, physically, intellectually and morally—that three hours school a day would be much better, and would be likely to qualify the youths of our land for far greater usefulness in after life—that these youths should not be forced through their education previous to the age of sixteen, but should remain connected with school till they are twenty-one, and should meanwhile devote a portion of their time to learn a trade, laboring upon the soil, or if girls, should acquaint themselves with the practical duties of housewifery.—[Buffalo Republic.]

There are probably many parents who will heartily endorse these views of Mr. Crandall. There is certainly much truth in them when applied to young children, whose nervous energies become greatly impaired and sometimes prostrated by being kept seated and still upon hard benches for from 6 to 8 hours per day. And even this severe tax upon the physical natures of the little ones, is sometimes augmented by keeping them an hour or two after school hours, or during the ordinary recesses, to complete a lesson, or as punishment for some misdemeanor. Children need a great deal of exercise in order to a healthy growth, and the less confinement they are subjected to, in school or elsewhere, the better for them.

Two more asteroids, the 34th and 35th, were discovered in Europe during the month of April last. The planet once revolving between Mars and Jupiter, from the bursting of which these fragments are supposed to have been produced, must have been a stupendous one.

Robert J. Hunt, a boy of Chicago, found \$300 in bank bills, and took pains to find the owner, A. J. Daniels. The Press says Mr. D. selected a handsome gold watch, chain, key and seal, ordered them engraved with the lad's name, and inscribed "Reward of Merit," and presented them to him.

ANTHONY BURNS ON HIS WAY WESTWARD.—Anthony Burns, whose arrest as a fugitive slave in Boston caused so much excitement some time since, arrived in this city on the Boston train last night. He is on his way to Oberlin, Ohio, where he is to receive an education in the Oberlin College.—[Albany Atlas, June 8th.]

INGENIOUS TRAP.—An ingenious method of killing hawks and owls has been adopted at the west. A pole twenty feet high is erected near the chicken house, on a hill, on the top of which is placed a small steel trap, just the size of the top of the pole. No bait is put in it, the birds having only to light to become victims. Several field hawks have already "put their foot in it" to their sorrow.

PASTE THAT IS PASTE.—Dissolve an ounce of alum in a quart of warm water; when cold, add as much flour as will make it the consistency of cream; then stew into it as much rosin as will stand on a shilling, and two or three cloves; boil it to a consistence, stirring all the time. It will keep for twelve months, and when dry, may be softened with water.

A letter from Nashville (Tenn.) in the Louisville Times says the wheat from the Kentucky line to that place, has been harvested, and the yield is unparalleled; the same number of acres reaped double that of any former year. All saved without the slightest blemish.

RISE OF WATER IN THE LAKE.—A gentleman of this city, who has taken proper means to ascertain accurately the various stages of the water in the lake at this point, says the water is one foot and seven inches higher than on the 7th of March last.—[Cleveland Herald.]